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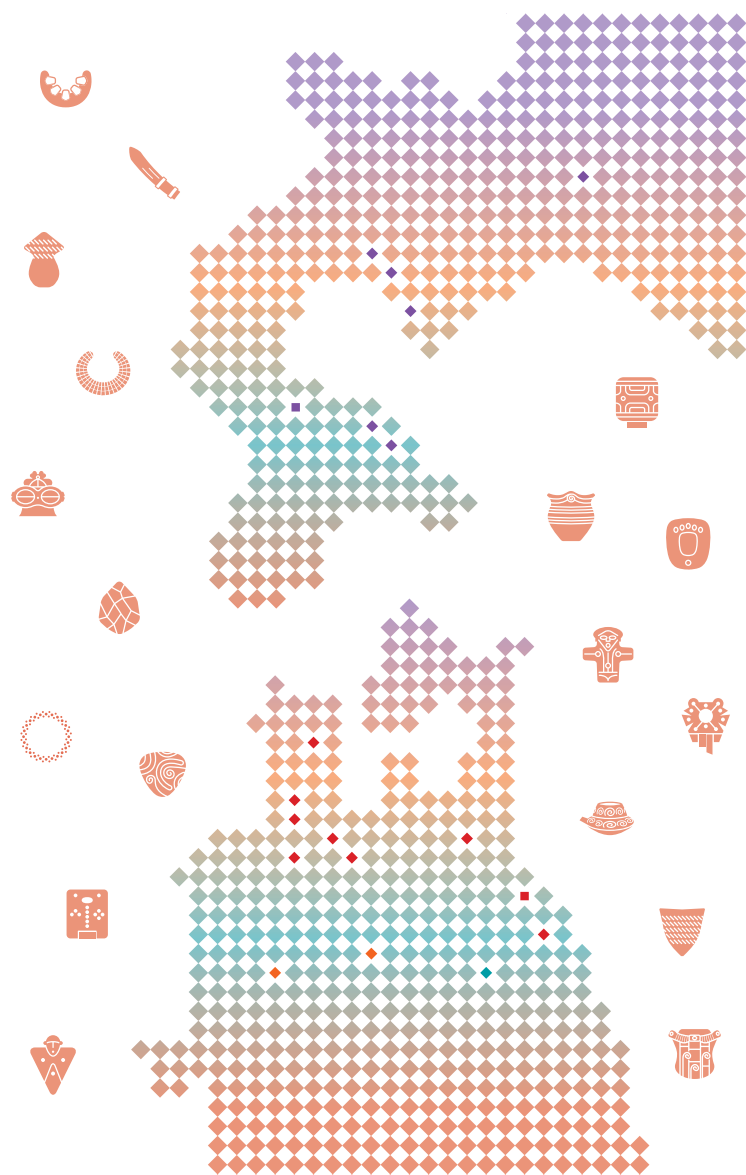


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Jomon Prehistoric Sites
in Northern Japan



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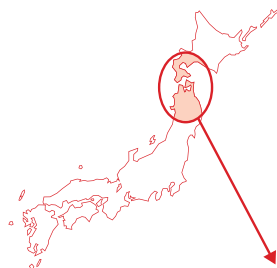
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Jomon Prehistoric Sites in Northern Japan
inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage List in 2021



World Heritage site Jomon Prehistoric Sites in Northern Japan



The Jomon Prehistoric Sites in Northern Japan consist of 17 archaeological sites located in the southern part of Hokkaido Island and the northern part of the Honshu Island of the Japanese archipelago. This property is a valuable cultural heritage demonstrating the pre-agricultural way of life and complex spiritual culture of prehistoric people who lived based on hunting, fishing and gathering for a very long period of time, more than 10,000 years. Let's go on a trip around the Jomon prehistoric sites in Northern Japan!



Official Website

World Heritage

The Jomon Prehistoric Sites in Northern Japan

<https://jomon-japan.jp/en>



Official Website for Kids
(only in Japanese)

"JOMON Guru Guru"

<https://jomon-japan.jp/kids>



Facilities

- Address
- Opening Hours
- Closed
- Phone number
- Admissions
- Café & Restaurant
- Museum Shop
- Interpreter (available in English)
- Parking
- Hands-on Programs
- Free Wi-Fi

Recommended Routes

- Opening Hours
- Closed
- Phone number
- Facilities
- Museum
- Sightseeing Spot
- Café & Restaurant
- Shopping

The archeological site introduction icon in the pamphlet indicates the excavated artifact that represent each facility.

The numbers 1 to 18 and A1 to G5 are linked to the MAP numbers on the back.

Travel times are estimates; please head out with sufficient time.

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Japan's Largest Jomon Prehistoric Settlement

Special Historic Site

Sannai Maruyama Site

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Aomori City

ca. 3,900 BCE to 2,200 BCE



A large hub settlement site comprising various facilities, and you can understand the Jomon prehistoric people's way of life and the environment at the time.

A large number of pottery, stone tools, lacquered objects, clay figurines, jade, and obsidian, etc. have been excavated.

Sannai Maruyama Jomon Culture Center



- 305 Maruyama, Sannai, Aomori City, Aomori Pref. 9:00~17:00 (Jun.-Sep.: until 18:00)
- 4th Mon., Year-end and New Year holidays 017-766-8282
- Adults JPY 410 / High school and university students JPY 200 / Children Free



Ritual Site with a Stone Circle Characterized by Complex Arrangement of Stones

Historic Site

Komakino Stone Circle

MAP
2

Aomori City

ca. 2,000 BCE



A large scale stone circle characterized by flat stones aligned alternately in longitudinal and latitudinal directions, as if in a stone wall. The stone circle is as large as 55 m in diameter. Around the stone circle, pit graves have also been discovered, ritual artifacts such as triangular stone plates have been unearthed.

Aomori City Komakino Site Preservation Museum



- 108-3 Sawabe, Nozawa, Aomori City, Aomori Pref. 9:00~17:00
- Year-end and New Year holidays 017-757-8665 Free



Archaeological Site Excavated Pieces of the Earliest Pottery in Japan

Historic Site

Odai Yamamoto Site

MAP
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Sotogahama Town

ca. 13,000 BCE



The oldest pottery in Northeast Asia was excavated at this site. The use of pottery, which is not suitable for a mobile lifestyle, is eloquent evidence of the beginning of sedentary life. Stone arrowheads have also been unearthed here, which suggest that people started to use bows and arrows.

Sotogahama Oyama Furusato Museum



- 34-3 Kanita-Odaisawabe, Sotogahama town, Higashi Tsugaru-gun, Aomori Pref.
- 9:00~16:00 Mon., Year-end and New Year holidays
- 0174-22-2577 Free

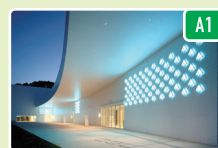


Discover Art, History, and Seafood!

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Aomori Museum of Art

Exhibits artworks related to the climate of Aomori Prefecture

- 9:30~17:00 (Jun.-Sep.: 9:00~18:00)
- 2nd and 4th Mon., Year-end and New Year holidays
- 017-783-3000



Aomori Gyosai Center (Fish Market)

Aomori resident's kitchen where you can taste Nokke-Don rice bowls

- 7:00~16:00
- Tue.
- 017-763-0085

Ginger Miso Oden

Warm and addictive oden with a grated ginger miso broth



Nokke-Don Rice Bowl

A seafood rice bowl made with donburi rice and your favorite ingredients



Aomori Prefectural Museum

Aomori Prefecture's general museum, filled with nature, history, and culture

- 9:00~17:00 (May.-Oct.: until 18:00)
- Temporarily closed
- 017-777-1585



Nebuta Museum WA-RASSE

Witness the history and charm of the Nebuta Festival all year round!

- 9:00~19:00 (Sep.-Apr.: until 18:00)
- Aug. 9 and 10, Year-end and New Year holidays
- 017-752-1311



AOMORI SOTOGAHAMA /

RECOMMENDED ROUTES

Day 1

Day 2





Stone Circle Nestled Near Mt. Iwaki

Historic Site

Omori Katsuyama Stone Circle

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Hirosaki City

ca. 1,000 BCE



A stone circle is located at the foot of Mt. Iwaki, and the sun sets on the summit of this mountain at the winter solstice. The size is 55 m in diameter. Disc-shaped stone objects used for the rituals and ceremonies have also been unearthed in and around the stone circle.

Susono District Physical Culture Exchange Center

8-9 Kutsuwa, Totsurazawa, Hirosaki City, Aomori Pref. 9:00~21:00
Mon., Year-end and New Year holidays 0172-99-7072 (about the exhibition:
Hirosaki City Board of Education 0172-82-1642) Free



Goggle-Eyed Clay Figurine in Shako-Chan's Hometown

Historic Site

Kamegaoka Burial Site

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Tsugaru City

ca. 1,000 BCE to 400 BCE



Famous for the discovery of goggle-eyed clay figurines. Numerous pit graves were built on the plateau. It is an archaeological site of a large cemetery site illustrating a high degree of spirituality. Varied burial goods have been unearthed from pit graves.

Tsugaru City Kizukuri Kamegaoka Archaeological Museum

195 Byobuzan, Kizukuri-Tateoka, Tsugaru City, Aomori Pref. 9:00~16:00 Mon., The day following a national holiday, Year-end and New Year holidays 0173-45-3450 Adults JPY 200 / High school and university students JPY 100 / Elementary and junior high school students JPY 50



Glycymeris Albolineata Bracelet Factory

Historic Site

Tagoyano Site

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Tsugaru City

ca. 4,000 BCE to 2,000 BCE



Valued for being one of the few shell mounds on the Sea of Japan side. Most of the excavated shells are from Japanese basket clams, but there are also dolphin and whale bones. Unfinished bracelets made of the shell of *Glycymeris albolineata* have been unearthed in great numbers. It is understood that shell bracelets were made here.

Tsugaru City Jomon Dwelling Museum

59-1 Kizukuri-Wakamidori, Tsugaru City, Aomori Pref. 9:00~16:00 Mon., The day following a national holiday, Year-end and New Year holidays 0173-42-6490 Adults JPY 200 / High school and university students JPY 100 / Elementary and junior high school students JPY 50



Exploring Tsugaru's Power Spots

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Hirosaki Park / Hirosaki City Museum

Famous for sakura cherry blossoms in spring and koyo autumn leaves in fall. Hirosaki City Museum, within Hirosaki Park, is also recommended.

9:30~16:30 (Museum)
3rd Mon., Year-end and New Year holidays

Hirosaki Park
0172-33-8739
Hirosaki City Museum
0172-35-0700



Takaoka no mori Historical Museum of Hirosaki Clan

Exhibits valuable treasures related to the history and culture of the Hirosaki Clan

9:30~16:30

3rd Mon., Year-end and New Year holidays

0172-83-3110

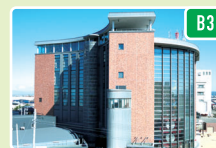
Hirosaki Igamenchi Minced Squid Arm Patties

These fried and roasted minced squid arms and vegetables are a classic local Hirosaki dish



Jusanko Shijimi (clam) Ramen

Rich umami ramen with shijimi extract spread throughout.



Tachineputa Museum

Impressive and up-close look at Tachineputa. (parade floats)

9:00~19:00 (Oct.- Mar.: until 17:00)

Jan. 1

0173-38-3232



Takayama Inari Shrine

These thousands of bright red torii gates, all lined up, are a sight to behold

Free worship

0173-56-2015



HIROSAKI TSUGARU / RECOMMENDED ROUTES

Day 1 Day 2

Hirosaki Sta.

10 min. by car

B1 Hirosaki Park Hirosaki City Museum

25 min. by car

B2 Takaoka no mori Historical Museum of Hirosaki Clan Takateru Shrine

25 min. by car

4 Omori Katsuyama Stone Circle

10 min. by car

Susono District Physical Culture Exchange Center

40 min. by car

B3 Tachineputa Museum

A short walk

Goshogawara City

Goshogawara City

15 min. by car

Tsugaru City Jomon Dwelling Museum

30 min. by car

Tsugaru City Kizukuri Kamegaoka Archaeological Museum

10 min. by car

5 Kamegaoka Burial Site

2 min. by car

6 Tagoyano Site

20 min. by car

B4 Takayama Inari Shrine

80 min. by car

Shin-Aomori Sta.

60 min. by car to the Hakkoda Mountains
90 min. by car to Oyu Stone Circles



Abundant Excavations of Beautiful Pot Shards and Lacquered Objects

Historic Site

Korekawa Site

MAP

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Hachinohe City

ca. 4,000 BCE to 400 BCE



This site has seen abundant excavations of beautiful pot shards and clay figurines. The lacquer objects in particular are famous for the large number of excellent pieces. The watering place on the lowlands lets you clearly see the village as it was at the time.

Korekawa Archaeological Institution



1 Yokoyama, Korekawa, Hachinohe City, Aomori Pref. 9:00 ~ 17:00 Mon., The day following a national holiday (except if that day falls on a Sat., Sun. or national holiday), Year-end and New Year holidays 0178-38-9511 Adults JPY 250 / High school and university students JPY 150 / Children Free



A Fishing Culture that Developed from the Sea's Blessings

Historic Site (Associated property)

Choshichiyachi Site

MAP

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Hachinohe City

ca. 6,000 BCE



A large shell mound from a warm period of marine transgression. The shell mound consists of clams and myoida, and fishhooks and harpoons with shafts were excavated, along with a great deal of fish bones.

Hachinohe City Museum



35-1 Higashi-gamae, Nejo, Hachinohe City, Aomori Pref. 9:00 ~ 17:00 Mon., The day following a national holiday (except if that day falls on a Sat., Sun. or national holiday), Year-end and New Year holidays 0178-44-8111 Adults JPY 250 / High school and university students JPY 150 / Children Free



Settlement Site Showing Marine Transgression and Regression

Historic Site

Futatsumori Site

MAP

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Shichinohe Town

ca. 3,500 BCE to 2,000 BCE



Located on a hill overlooking Lake Ogawara, this is one of the largest-scale shell mounds in the Tohoku region. The lower layers contain shells of saltwater shellfishes and the upper layers contain those of brackish shellfishes, clearly reflecting the environmental changes due to marine transgression and regression.

Futatsumori shell Midden Museum



181-26 Hachimoritai, Shichinohe town, Kamikita-gun, Aomori Pref. 10:00 ~ 16:00 Mon., The day following a national holiday, Year-end and New Year holidays 0176-68-2612 Free



Pacific Scenery and the Sea's Blessings

HACHINOHE・SHICHINOHE



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C1

Hasshoku Center (Market)

Try all of Hachinohe's delicious seasonal foods!

9:00 ~ 18:00
Wed.
0178-28-9311



C2

Tanesashi Coast

Various features to enjoy, such as Kabushima island, sandy beaches, and natural turf.

9:00 ~ 17:00
(Dec. - Mar.: until 16:00)
0178-51-8500 (Tanesashi Coast Information Center)

Hachinohe Maeoki Saba

These grandiose saba mackerel are said to be the most delicious fatty in Japan!



Hachinohe Senbei Rice Cracker Soup

Soul food from the Nanbu region, the texture of these simmered senbei rice crackers make them super addictive



C3

Tatehana Wharf Morning Market

A huge Sunday-only morning market with more than 300 shops

From Sunrise on Sun. to approx. 9:00 (mid-Mar.-Dec.)
080-5734-3251 (Minato Sunday Morning Market)



C4

Misawa Aviation & Science Museum

Enjoy lots of aircraft exhibits and scientific experiments

9:00 ~ 17:00
Mon.
0176-50-7777



HACHINOHE SHICHINOHE /

RECOMMENDED ROUTES

Day 1

Day 2





Abundant Forestry Resources and a Fire Ritual

Historic Site

Goshono Site

Ichinohe Town

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IWATE

ca. 2,500 BCE to 2,000 BCE



A hub settlement located on the river terrace near Mabechi River. The rituals and ceremonies of the time can be clearly seen such as pit graves with stone alignments, artificial earthen mounds with burned animal bones and carbonized nuts.

Goshono Jomon Museum



- 2 Goshono, Iwate, Ichinohe town, Ninohe-gun, Iwate Pref. 9:00 ~ 17:00
- Mon., The day following a national holiday, Year-end and New Year holidays 0195-32-2652
- Adults JPY 300 / University students JPY 200 / High school students and under: Free



A Trip to Think about History

ICHINOHE



D1

Ruins of Kunohe Castle

The stage for Toyotomi Hideyoshi's final battle for unification

- 10:00 ~ 15:00 (Apr.-Nov.)
- 0195-23-3641



D2

Ichinohe Tewaza Craft Museum

Produces Ichinohe Town's traditional handicrafts such as textiles, bamboo and woodworking

- 10:00 ~ 16:00 (Sat.-Sun.)
- Weekdays
- 0195-33-3993

Vegetables and dairy products from Okunakayama Kogen Plateau

These high quality vegetables and milk are very popular



Kakke

Kneaded and rolled out soba buckwheat flour, a warm and simple traditional dish



D3

Former Honokidate Residence

A former private residence with a thatched roof, one of the largest in the Tohoku region

- 9:00 ~ 16:00
- 0195-33-2111



D4

Okunakayama Kogen Plateau

Year-round skiing and leisure activities. Has an onsen hot spring, and accommodations are available.

- 0195-35-3131



RECOMMENDED ROUTES

ICHINOHE /

Ninohe Sta.

10 min. by car

D1 Ruins of Kunohe Castle

15 min. by car

D2 Ichinohe Tewaza Craft Museum

10 min. by car

10 Goshono Site

Goshono Jomon Museum

15 min. by car

D3 Former Honokidate Residence

30 min. by car

D4 Okunakayama Kogen Plateau

10 min. by car to Iwate Galaxy Railway Okunakayamakogen Sta.
30 min. by car to Iwate-Numakunai Sta.
80 min. by car to Morioka St.
60 min. by car to Korekawa Site



A Large-Scale Ritual Site Comprising Two Regularly-Structured Stone Circles

Special Historic Site

Oyu Stone Circles

Kazuno City

MAP
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AKITA

ca. 2,000 BCE to 1,500 BCE



A typical ritual site with two large-scale stone circles, Manza and Nonakado. Many ritual tools, such as clay figurines, have also been unearthed. Especially, clay tablets representing numbers concept of Jomon prehistoric people is worth a look.

Oyu Stone Circles Museum



- 45 Manza, Oyu, Towada, Kazuno City, Akita Pref. 9:00 ~ 18:00 (Nov.-Mar.: until 16:00)
- Mon. from Nov. to Mar., Year-end and New Year holidays 0186-37-3822
- Adults JPY 320 / Students up to high school JPY 110



Ritual Site with Four Adjacent Stone Circles

Historic Site

Isedotai Stone Circles

Kitaakita City

MAP
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ca. 2,000 BCE to 1,700 BCE



A ritual site composed of four stone circles, the largest one being about 45m in diameter. Around each stone circle, pillar-supported structures and storage pits were distributed. A large number of ritual tools have also been excavated.

Isedotai Jomon Museum

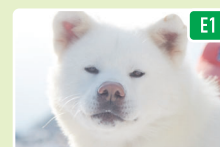


- 100-1, Ogatanakata, Wakigami, Kitaakita City, Akita Pref. 9:00 ~ 17:00
- Mon., Year-end and New Year holidays 0186-84-8710
- Free



A Warm, Relaxing, and Healing Trip

KAZUNO • KITAAKITA



E1

Akita dog Visitor Center

Come and see the cute Akita dogs that have been designated as a national natural treasure!

- 9:00 ~ 17:00
- Year-end and New Year holidays
- 0186-59-4649



E2

Roadside Station Oyu

"Engawa" is an area connecting people with each other, where you can enjoy cafes and footbaths

- 9:00 ~ 17:00
- 0186-22-4184



Hinai Jidori Chicken Oyakodon Rice Bowl

One of Japan's three major chicken breeds, a first-class product with both great taste and aroma.



KAZUNO
KITAAKITA

RECOMMENDED ROUTES

Odate-Noshiro Airport (-IC)

5 min. by car

12 Isedotai Stone Circles

Isedotai Jomon Museum

30 min. by car

E1 Akita dog Visitor Center

60 min. by car

11 Oyu Stone Circles

Oyu Stone Circles Museum

10 min. by car

E2 Roadside Station Oyu

Oyu Onsen Hot Springs

30 min. by car to Lake Towada

80 min. by car to Goshono Site



Unique Cemetery Site Surrounded by Circular High Embankments

Historic Site

Kiusu Earthwork Burial Circles

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Chitose City

ca. 1,200 BCE



Earthwork burial circles were made by digging a circular pit in the ground and piling up the removed earth around the pit in a ring. Pit graves were placed on the inside of each burial circle.

The largest one is about 83 meters in diameter and 4.7 meters in height.

Chitose City Buried Cultural Properties Center

- 42-1 Osatsu, Chitose City, Hokkaido 9:00 ~ 17:00
- Sat.-Sun. (exc. 2nd Sun), public holidays, Year-end and New Year holidays
- 0123-24-4210 Free



Settlement site attesting to people's lifeways adapted to environmental changes

Historic Site

Kitakogane Site

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Date City

ca. 5,000 BCE to 2,000 BCE



A settlement site located on a hill facing Uchiura Bay, demonstrating people's environmental adaptation. The common orient clams excavated indicate a warm climate. Many broken stone tools have been excavated in the archaeological remains of watering place, and ritual activity was held here.

Kitakogane Site Information Center

- 75 Kitakogane-cho, Date City, Hokkaido 9:00 ~ 17:00
- Dec.-Mar. 0142-24-2122 Free



Two Shell Mounds that Show the Coastal Lifestyle

Historic Site

Irie Site • Takasago Burial Site

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Toyako Town

ca. 3,500 BCE to 800 BCE



These shell mounds are on a hill facing Uchiura Bay. Irie is a settlement site in the late of Jomon period, with graves and a shell mound, and excavations have also uncovered the buried bones of a person affected by muscular atrophy. Takasago is a cemetery site from the final of Jomon period.

Irie Takasago Shell Mound Center

- 44 Takasago-cho, Toyako town, Abuta-gun, Hokkaido 9:00 ~ 17:00
- Mon., The day following a national holiday, Year-end and New Year holidays
- 0142-76-5802 Free



Enjoy the Blessings of the Land and Sea

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Roadside Station
Salmon Park Chitose

Roadside rest area with an aquarium right next to a clear stream that salmon return to.

- 9:00 ~ 18:00
- Year-end and New Year holidays
- 0123-29-3972



Chitose Winery

Produces rich and flavorful wines nurtured by the terroir of northern Japan.

- 9:00 ~ 17:00
- Sat.-Sun. and public holidays from Nov. to Mar., Year-end and New Year holidays
- 0123-27-2460

Chitose Burger
Local burger made with eggs from Chitose



Date Vegetables

Many varieties of vegetables for many purposes, grown in an excellent climate and environment



Date City Museum of
History and Culture

Dig into the history of Date City, where multiculturalism took root

- 9:00 ~ 17:00
- Mon., Dec.-Feb.
- 0142-25-1056



Lake Toya

This superb view of the national park's mountains and lakes is one of the Hokkaido's three major landscapes.

- 0142-75-2446 (Toyako Onsen Tourist Association)



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RECOMMENDED ROUTES

Day 1 Day 2

New Chitose Airport

15 min. by car

Roadside Station
Salmon Park Chitose
Salmon Hometown
Chitose Aquarium

15 min. by car

Kiusu Earthwork Burial Circles

10 min. by car

Chitose City Buried Cultural
Properties Center

15 min. by car

Chitose Winery

40 min. by car

Shikotsuko Onsen
Hot Springs

Shikotsuko Onsen Hot Springs

120 min. by car

Kitakogane Site
Kitakogane Site Information Center

15 min. by car

Date City Museum of
History and Culture

15 min. by car

Irie Takasago Museum

5 min. walk 5 min. walk

Irie Site Takasago
Burial Site

10 min. walk

Toyako Onsen
Hot Springs

To Hakodate
120 min. by car to Washinoki Stone Circle



Hub Settlement Site with Developed Large-Scale Ritual Place

Historic Site

Ofune Site

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Hakodate City

ca. 3,500 BCE to 2,000 BCE



A hub settlement on a hill facing the Pacific Ocean. It comprised various facilities such as large-scale pit dwellings, storage pits, graves and large artificial earthen mounds. A large number of pot shards and stone tools have been accumulated in the mounds. It is thought that rituals and ceremonies were performed continually.

※ closed for the Year-end and New Year holidays

Hakodate Jomon Culture Center



- 551-1 Usujiri-cho, Hakodate City, Hokkaido
- 9:00 ~ 17:00 (Nov. – Mar.: until 16:30)
- Mon., last Fri., Year-end and New Year holidays
- 0138-25-2030
- Adults JPY 300 / Students JPY 150



Settle Site Demonstrating Separation between Residential Area and Burial Area

Historic Site

Kakinoshima Site

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Hakodate City

ca. 7,000 BCE to 1,000 BCE



The residential area and burial area were separated, which had distinguished between daily space and special space. Clay tablets with children's footprints were buried in graves. After that, huge artificial earthen mounds were also constructed as a ritual place.

※ closed for the Year-end and New Year holidays

Hakodate Jomon Culture Center



- 551-1 Usujiri-cho, Hakodate City, Hokkaido
- 9:00 ~ 17:00 (Nov. – Mar.: until 16:30)
- Mon., last Fri., Year-end and New Year holidays
- 0138-25-2030
- Adults JPY 300 / Students JPY 150



Stone Circle Overlooking Mt. Komagadake

Historic Site (Associated property)

Washinoki Stone Circle

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Mori Town

ca. 2,000 BCE



The largest stone circle in Hokkaido, at about 37 meters in diameter. A pit burial area with several graves is located on the southern side. Clay objects resembling squid have also been found around the stone circle.

*Only open on tour days.

Mori Town Office for Archaeological Excavation and Research



- 292-24 Morikawa-cho, Mori town, Kayabe-gun, Hokkaido
- 9:00 ~ 16:00
- Weekends, Public Holidays, Year-end and New Year holidays
- 01374-3-2240
- Free



A Port Town where East Meets West

HAKODATE · MORI

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Mt. Hakodate

Look out over the night view between Hakodate Bay and the Tsugaru Strait!

- Ropeway 10:00 ~ 21:00
- 0138-23-3105
- (Mt. Hakodate Ropeway)



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Kanemori Red Brick Warehouse

A landmark in the Hakodate Bay area, with a fusion of many stores and historical building

- 0138-27-5530

Ikameshi Squid Rice

Local cuisine where rice is put inside a squid, then cooked with sweet and spicy sauce



Salt-broth Ramen

A clear and crisp taste with a traditional soup broth



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Goryokaku Park

A nationally designated special historic site that becomes a famous sakura cherry blossom spot in spring

- 5:00 ~ 19:00
- (Nov. – Mar.: until 18:00)
- 0138-51-4785
- (Goryokaku Tower)



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Kayabe-no-Kuribayashi (Aobagaoka Park)

The chestnut forest with more than 130 magnificent trees that are over 200 years old (Cultural property designated by Hokkaido)

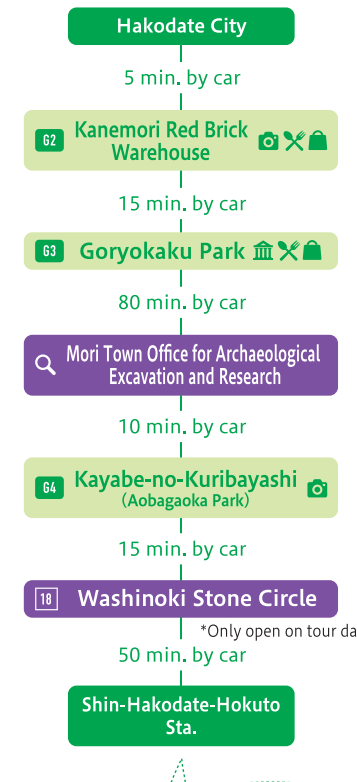
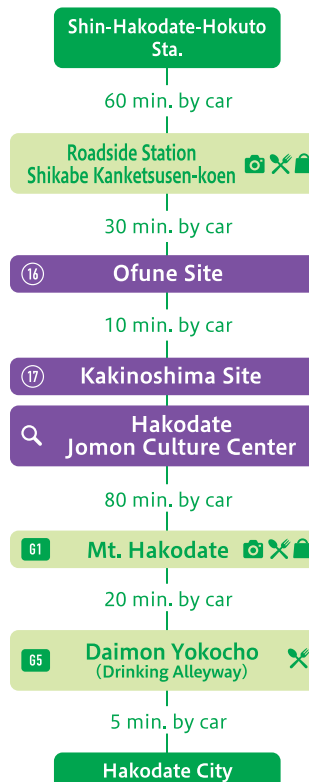
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RECOMMENDED ROUTES

Day 1

Day 2



To Lake Toya 120 min. by car to Irie Site / Takasago Burial Site